

The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 26th day of March 1921, the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Distribution of Publicity pamphlets.

502 Q.—Mr. A. D. M. BAVOTTI SAHIB: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Finance whether he will take steps for the free distribution of all Publicity pamphlets regarding the Khilafat movements and the action taken by the Government of India on the subject, especially among the Mappillas of Ernad and Walluvanad taluks of Malabar.

A.—The Government understand that a considerable distribution of such pamphlets as the Honourable Member refers to is already made in Malabar but the special attention of the Publicity Officer will be drawn to the Honourable Member's question.

Christian and Panchama students in Sriwillipettur Government Training School.

503 Q.—Mr. M. D. DEVADESS: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education—

(a) if it is a fact that the Christian and Panchama students are compelled to occupy seats at a respectful distance from the high caste students in the Government Training School at Sriwillipettur, Ramnad district;

(b) if it is a fact that five out of eight Indian Christian and Panchama students were dismissed by the headmaster on the 16th instant under rule 121 of the Madras Educational Rules; and

(c) if it is a fact that the Panchama students are treated harshly and are abused by the headmaster and other teachers in the school.

A.—The Government have no information. The matter is being enquired into.

Boycotting of Indian Christians in Kistna district.

504 Q.—Mr. A. T. PALMER: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member if it is a fact that in certain parts of the Kistna district Indian Christians are boycotted and are not given employment in harvesting operations because they took part in polling; if so, to institute enquiries into the matter and take steps to protect the law-abiding Christians.

A.—The Government have no information, but will make enquiries. They would be grateful to the Honourable Member if he would communicate any information in his possession to the District Magistrate.

Kistna reservoir project.

505 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue in what stage the Kistna reservoir project at present is and to state whether the Government will expedite the consideration of the scheme.